

I, VX39006 Major John Kevin LLOYD of Army Headquarters
make oath and say:

1. I am an officer of the Australian Military Forces.
2. Annexed hereto and marked "B" is a true copy of an affidavit sworn by Terence Charles TREVOR on 11 Apr. 1946 which I have in my custody in the course of my duties.
3. The original affidavit cannot be made available immediately as it is required for trials of minor war criminals.

Sworn before me at MELBOURNE)

this 27 day of May 1946)

J. Lloyd /s/
Major

R. D. Crompton /s/ Capt
An officer of the
Australian Military Forces

On this eleventh day of April, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, Terence Charles Trevor, of 14 Ponsonby Pde, Seaforth, in the State of New South Wales, Woolclasser, makes oath and says as follows:-

1. As NX55521 Pte T.C. TREVOR of 2/30 Inf Bn I was attached to B Coy. Portion of my section, which included, besides myself, NX25556 Pte. J.A. BLANT, NX27464 Pte. F.G. COLLETT, NX26712, Pte COCHRANE, NX5906 Pte MULLIGAN and Pte E.W. SAMS, were cut off from the remainder of our Coy whilst returning from the GETAS Ambush.]

2. In an attempt to return to our Battalion lines, we became lost and wandered in the jungle and rubber plantations for approximately 14 days.

[3. At about 0100 hrs on 1 Feb 42 we were captured by a Jap patrol. The patrol was also accompanied by a few Malayan natives.]

4. After being taken by the Jap patrol we were transported by a Sampan, we had previously commandeered, to Patrol HQ and then to LENGHA, where we spent the night in the local gaol. Here we were given food and next morning we were given bicycles and with a Jap and Malayan escort set out for MUAR, arriving there at approximately 1800 hrs on 2 Feb 42.

5. Here [we were handed over to a group of Jap officers quartered in the Sultan's Palace near the MUAR River.] The Jap Officer in command told us that we would be held as POWs and that we should have to work. We agreed to this and were given food and a place to sleep.

[6. Next morning 3 Feb 42,] whilst helping to load a truck on which the Japs were about to proceed [to PARTU PAHAT, we were told to line up in twos, and tied together with signal wire, wrist to wrist.

7. We were then led by the Jap Officer across a lawn and asked if we would like a pistol to commit suicide. We refused and we were then asked if we had anything to say. I said "that we should be held as POWs" but this was ignored and the Jap Officer, with the words "You will soon see your mothers and fathers", left us.

8. On the opposite side of the lawn about 25 yds away a Jap soldier lay behind a Bren Gun which was pointing in our direction. The Jap soldier opened fire, watched by the Jap officers.

9. Pte Cochrane was hit and immediately fell to the ground. Ptes COLLETT and BLANT were then hit and fell to the ground, dragging me with them. The Jap continued to fire whilst we were lying on the ground and I could hear the bullets thudding into COLLETT who was lying alongside me. The Jap then ceased fire.

10. After a short time I raised my head but could see no sign of the Japs. I untied my wrists with my teeth and untied the others also. Pte COCHRANE was dead, Collett unconscious and the remainder wounded but still alive.

11. I dragged the other members of my party who were alive into the shade of some hibiscus trees nearby and made them as comfortable as possible. During the afternoon of that day BLAND and COLLETT died. MULLIGAN survived till the morning of 4 Feb 42. After Mulligan died, SAMS, who was wounded in the leg, and myself attempted to escape. We were pestered by Malaysians who followed us wherever we went but finally threw them off and spent the night in an evacuated native house in MUAR.

12. On 5 Feb 42 we were recaptured by different Japs and taken to Malayan HQ building in Muar. There we were told we were Prisoners of War.

13. I was of the opinion that these Japs were contemplating murdering SAMS and myself, but we were saved, I think, by the intervention of some Jap Staff Officers who arrived in two cars.

14. After a conference between the Jap Staff Officers and our captors, we were told by a Jap Sgt, that we were to be taken to KLUANG to a prison camp. We spent the night in a house adjoining Malayan HQ where I was able to dress Sams' wound.

15. On 6 Feb we were taken by the Jap Staff Officers in a car to Kluang where we met approximately 27 Aust POW and 2 British Brigadiers in the Kluang Gaol. One Brigadier's name I remember was PAYNTER.

16. On 7 Feb 42 we set out for KUALA LUMPUR. On 8 Feb 42 we arrived at Kuala Lumpur and were taken to PUDU Gaol where there were approximately 500 British and Aust Prisoners.

17. On 9 Feb 42 Pte SAMS died from tetanus and was buried in gaol grounds. After spending eight months at Pudu Gaol we were taken to Changi Gaol.

18. I was unable to discover the names of any Jap Officers or men responsible for murdering my colleagues and I was also unable to obtain anything that would help to identify their units.

19. The dates that I have before mentioned are absolutely correct and may assist in identifying Jap units in the area at that time.

SWORN by the abovenamed deponent,)
Terence Charles Trevor, at Sydney,)
this eleventh day of April, One)
thousand nine hundred and forty-six)

T. C. TREVOR /s/

Before me L. SHEFFIELD J. P. (?)

Exhibit "B" - This is the document marked Exhibit "B" referred to in the affidavit of VX39006 Maj J.K. Lloyd sworn before me this twenty-seventh day of May 1946 as being produced and shown to him at the time of his swearing his said affidavit.

/s/ R. D. Crompton, Capt.
An officer of the
Australian Military Forces.

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ルズ・トレバーハ宣誓シテ以下ノ如ク申述べマス。

一、歩兵大隊2/50ノ認別番號五五五二一番兵卒テ
イ・シー・トレバートシテ、私ハ「B」中隊ニ配属
サレタ。私ノ他ニNX二五五五六番兵卒ジェー・ア
ー・ブラント・NX二七四六番兵卒エフ・シー・コ
レット・NX二六七一二番兵卒コツチレイシ、NX
三九〇六番兵卒ムリガン及ビ兵卒イー・ダブリエー、
サムスヲ含ム私ノ分隊ノ一部ハデマスノ待伏セカラ
展ツテタル間ニ、我々ノ中隊ノ他ノ仲間達カラ切り
ハテサレヤシタ。

三、一九四二年二月一日一時頃、我々ハ日本軍兵
候ニ捕ヘラレタ。

我々ハムアール河近クノ土侯ノ宮殿ニ宿舍ヲトツテ
キタ日本人將校ノ所ニ引キ渡サレタ。

六、明ケテ一九四二年二月三日、朝

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我々ハ二人ヅツ並ブ様ニ云ハレ、ソシテ手首カラ手
首ヘ一ニ電氣線ヲ通ビツケラレタ。

七、ソレカラ我々ハ芝生ヲ横切ツテ、日本人士官
ニ近レテ行カレ、ソシテ我々が自決ヲスルノニビス
トルガイ、カドウカト尋ネラレタ。我々ハ拒絶シタ。
スルト可カ云ヒタイ事ガアルカト聞カレタ。私ハ「
我々ハ停戦トシテ取扱レタイ」旨述べタガ、此ハ無
視サレ、ソシテ日本ノ士官ハ「オ前達ハデキニオ我
ノ親父ニ會ヘルダラウ。」ト云ツテ去ツタ。

八、芝生ノ向フ側ニ二十五間程位ハナレテ、我々
ノ向ニ向ケタブレンシ後ニ一人ノ日本兵ガ横ニナ
ツテキタ。日本人兵ハ士官達ニ見守ラレナガラ監視
シタ。

九、兵卒コツテレインハ射タレテ、直ニ地面ニ倒
レタ。ソレカラ兵卒コレット及ビブランドモ射タレ
テ、私ヲモ一處ニ引キヅリツ、倒レタ。其ノ日本兵
ハ我々が地上ニ横ハツテキル間モ發砲シツマケタ。
私ハ私ノ傍ニ横ハツテキルコレットニ彈ガドサツト
當ルノヲ聞イタ。ヤガテ其ノ日本人ハ射ツノヲ止メ
タ。

十、暫クシテ後、私ハ頭ヲ起シタガ日本人ハ見エ
ナカツタ。私ハ齒テ手首ノ綱ヲホドキ、同様ニ他ノ
人^モヲホドイタ。コツテレイン兵卒ハ死ニ、コレツ

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トハ意識ヲ失ヒ、ソシテ他ハ倒ツイテハキタガ未ダ
生キテキタ。

十一、私ハ生キテキル他ノ仲間ヲ近クノ木櫃ノ木
ノ蔭ニ引キヅツテ行キ、ソシテ出來ルダケ樂ニシテ
ヤツタ。ソノ日ノ午後ノ内ニブランドトコレットハ
死ンダ。ムリガンハ一九四二年二月四日朝迄生キテ
キタ。ムリガンガ死ンデカラ、足ニ負傷シテキタサ
ムスト私トハ逃亡ヲ企テタ。

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十二、一九四二年二月五日我々ハ再ビ捕ヘラレタ。

十七、一九四二年二月九日兵卒サムスハ砲傷風ノ
爲ナクナツタ。

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